

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A recording apparatus comprising:

a reproduction unit configured to reproduce digital audio data from a standard compact disc;

a recording unit configured to write the digital audio data from the standard compact disc to the internal memory; and

a control circuit configured to search an information data related to the digital audio data in said internal memory to determine if said digital audio data has been stored in said internal memory, if said control circuit determines that said information data of the digital audio data has been stored in said internal memory, said control circuit prohibits writing said digital audio data into said internal memory, and if said control circuit determines that said digital audio information data are not stored in said internal memory, said control circuit writes the digital audio data from the standard compact disc to the internal memory; and
a data compression and encoder circuit configured to compress the digital audio data from the compact disc before the digital audio data is written to the internal memory.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The recording apparatus of claim 9, wherein the internal memory additionally contains at least one control table configured to store said information data, and

the control circuit is configured to search the internal memory to determine when digital audio data from the standard compact disc is present on the internal memory by searching the control table.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The recording apparatus of claim 9, wherein the internal memory is a hard disk drive.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The recording apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

a display means connected to the control circuit,
wherein when the control circuit has determined that the digital data from the standard compact disc is ~~not~~ present on the internal memory, the display means displays information indicating that the compact disc has already been recorded.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for recording digital audio data comprising:

searching information data related to the digital audio data in an internal memory;
determining if said ~~information data of the~~ digital audio data is already stored in said internal memory;

prohibiting writing said digital audio data into said internal memory if said determining determines that the digital audio information data is already stored in said internal memory;

compressing the digital audio data to form compressed digital audio data if said determining determines that the digital audio data is not already stored in said internal memory; and

writing the compressed digital audio data from the standard compact disc to the internal memory if said determining determines that the information data is not already stored in said internal memory.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the searching includes searching at least one control table stored in the internal memory, said control table storing said information data.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the searching includes searching information data related to the digital audio data in a hard disk drive.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 14, further comprising:
displaying information on a display indicating that the compact disc has already been recorded if the determining determines that the digital audio information data is already stored in said internal memory.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A computer program product including computer executable instructions, wherein the instructions, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method comprising:

searching information data related to the digital audio data in an internal memory;
determining if said information data of the digital audio data is already stored in said internal memory;

prohibiting writing said digital audio data into said internal memory if said determining determines that the digital audio information data is already stored in said internal memory;

compressing the digital audio data to form compressed digital audio data if said determining determines that the digital audio data is not already stored in said internal memory; and

writing the compressed digital audio data from the standard compact disc to the internal memory if said determining determines that the information data is not already stored in said internal memory.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the searching includes searching at least one control table stored in the internal memory, said control table storing said information data.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the searching includes searching information data related to the digital audio data in a hard disk drive.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises:

displaying information on a display indicating that the compact disc has already been recorded if the determining determines that the digital audio information data is already stored in said internal memory.

Claim 23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (New): The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the compressing includes compressing the digital audio data using ATRAC processing.

Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 14, wherein the compressing includes compressing the digital audio data using ATRAC processing.

Claim 26 (New): The recording apparatus of claim 9, wherein the data compression and encoder circuit is configured to compress the digital audio data using ATRAC processing.